

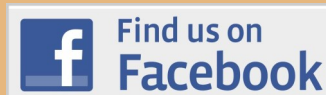


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HIGHLIGHTS

INFANT MORTALITY AWARENESS MONTH

September is Infant Mortality Awareness Month! Prematurity is one of the five leading causes of infant mortality. Did you know that over 7,000 babies in 2014 were born preterm (less than 37 weeks gestation) in Missouri? What can you do? Get early prenatal care and talk to your provider about risks associated with preterm birth. If you have had a prior preterm birth, talk to your provider about 17P (17-alpha hydroxyprogesterone caproate). 17P is a progesterone medication approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to reduce the risk of preterm delivery in pregnant women with a history of delivering early. Please visit this [website](#) to learn more on preterm birth.

NEWBORN SCREENING AWARENESS MONTH

September is Newborn Screening Awareness Month! Newborn screening encompasses three tests that are completed shortly after birth. Missouri law requires all babies born in the state to have a bloodspot, hearing, and a critical congenital heart disease screening. These screenings can detect over 70 serious conditions that otherwise may not be detected for several days, weeks, months, or even years. Without early detection and intervention, these disorders can result in severe injury to the brain, organ systems, nervous systems, and can potentially result in death. Newborn screening is one of the most efficient ways to find these disorders since symptoms are generally not noticeable at birth. Early diagnosis and treatment through newborn screening can save lives and help babies grow up as healthy as possible. For more information on newborn screening, please visit this [website](#).

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

A Breast Cancer Awareness Month Social Media Toolkit from George Washington University is available by clicking [here](#). See pages 6 to 8 for sample tweets and Facebook posts for patients. This reminder brought to you by The Missouri Comprehensive Cancer Control Program and the [Missouri Cancer Consortium](#).

RESOURCES FOR NATIONAL MEDICINE ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

October is National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month. A social media campaign packaged for easy use, links to a toolkit, and prevention strategies for broader community efforts can be found by clicking [here](#).

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- [Missouri Institute for Community Health](#)
- [Missouri Public Health Association](#)
- [CDC's Weekly Scientific Digest](#)
- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
- [FDA Environmental Health Training](#)
- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
- [Ozark Public Health Institute](#)
- [Heartland Centers](#)
- [Midwest Public Health Training Center](#)

SEEKING STUDY PARTICIPANTS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH DATA VISUALIZATION

This study aims to understand the effectiveness of a data visualization tool designed to improve understanding of data in public health practice. In an online survey (approximately 20-30 minutes long), you will complete writing tasks and questionnaires about your understanding of a financial dataset, and a few questions about yourself. You may qualify as a participant if you are a director, administrator, program lead, or director of finance, etc. whose position involves program planning, finance, or decision-making in a local or state health department. At the end of the survey, your e-mail will be entered into a drawing for a prize (valued at \$500-\$650) toward the fee for a conference registration of your choice. If you would like to participate, please e-mail Seungeun Park, PhD candidate, University of Washington, at separk@uw.edu. Please feel free to forward this information to your colleagues.

2015 EPIDEMIOLOGIC PROFILE OF VIRAL HEPATITIS

The 2015 Epidemiologic Profile of Viral Hepatitis in Missouri is now available at <http://health.mo.gov/data/hivstdaids/data.php>. This document was designed to increase public and professional awareness of hepatitis C and to drive policies for viral hepatitis prevention, care, and planning. The purpose of the profile is to document, interpret, and frame the dimensions and impact of the epidemic in local terms that can be used to heighten awareness and drive decision making. The development of this new profile was funded in part by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) grant *Building State/ Territorial Health Department Capacity to Develop and Utilize Viral Hepatitis Epidemiologic Profiles*. For more information, please contact the Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis at 573-751-6439 or the Bureau of Reportable Disease Informatics at 573-526-5271.

CHILD CARE SANITATION INSPECTION REIMBURSEMENT

The last day of the billing fiscal year is **September 30**. Local public health agencies are encouraged to submit their reimbursement requests as soon as possible. Reimbursement requests for September and any previous months must be received by Environmental Child Care (ECC) no later than **October 10**. Requests submitted after this date may not be payable. If you have concerns about getting your reimbursement requests to us by October 10, please contact Breanna Werdehausen immediately at eccprogram.lphas@health.mo.gov.

CONNECT WITH ME CARDS

The Adolescent Health Program has created a deck of conversation cards for parents, guardians, or anyone who works with youth. The Connect with Me cards are designed to help adults start meaningful conversations with teens. The cards include topics ranging from technology, development, mental health, and body image. The Connect with Me cards are a great tool to strengthen the connections and help start meaningful conversations between youth and adults. To learn more or order a free set of cards, please visit health.mo.gov/connect. For more information about the Connect with Me Campaign, please contact Andra Jungmeyer at andra.jungmeyerr@health.mo.gov.

WOMEN: TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH BOOKLET

Women: Take Charge of Your Health is a free publication with information about common health concerns for women, risk factors for disease, and ways to take charge of your health. To order a supply, please complete the [Request for Literature form](#) (stock #980). The booklet is available for viewing by clicking [here](#). For more information, please contact Stacey Lannert, Office on Women's Health at 573-526-0459 or stacey.lannert@health.mo.gov.

WORKWELL MISSOURI TOOLKIT

The [WorkWell Missouri Toolkit](http://extension.missouri.edu/hes/workwell/) is designed to help organizations assess and improve their wellness policies and practices. The Toolkit walks users through six steps to implementing a successful wellness initiative. The return on investment for comprehensive, well-run wellness programs can be as high as six dollars for every one dollar invested. Download the Toolkit for free and access training at <http://extension.missouri.edu/hes/workwell/>. Copies of the "Work Well Flyer" Stock #546 to promote the toolkit can be requested for free through the Department of Health and Senior Services' warehouse using this [form](#). Please click [here](#) for more worksite wellness resources. For more information, please contact Karla Voss at karla.voss@health.mo.gov.

WIC UPDATES

The WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC webpage. You can view the updates at <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php>. This week's updates include:

- Providing WIC Services for Evacuees from Disaster Areas
- Change in Homeless Food Package
- JOB POSTING: WIC Clerk - Platte County Health Department
- JOB POSTING: Nutritionist - City of St. Joseph Health Department

DHSS CORNER

DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

CLASS RECRUITMENT OPENING

The following class has been issued with an opening date of **September 19** and a closing and first addition date of **October 3**:

Program Coordinator (Mental Health) (Health and Senior Services)

Interested applicants must apply and be determined eligible for the classification by completing an application at <https://www.ease.mo.gov/>. The above opportunities can be viewed at <http://oa.mo.gov/personnel/classification-specifications/>.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING – October 30 - 31

The Statewide Public Health Meeting will be held October 30 to 31 at the Governor Office Building in Jefferson City **in lieu of the Fall Regional Local Public Health System Meetings**. More information will be coming soon!

DHSS OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES TRAININGS

Please click [here](#) for the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Office of Human Resources training course descriptions and schedule for July through December. Five seats will be reserved for Local Public Health Agency (LPHA) staff, and any other registrants will be placed on a waiting list. To reserve a seat, please contact Human Resources at HumanResourcesTraining@health.mo.gov.

ANNUAL JOINT PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE – September 25 - 27

Please [register](#) now for the 2017 Joint Public Health Conference! This year's conference, "Taking Action for a Healthier Missouri Now" is presented by:

- Missouri Public Health Association,
- Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies,
- Missouri Institute for Community Health, and
- Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

The annual conference will be held from September 25 to 27 at the Stoney Creek Inn in Columbia. DON'T MISS IT! Please [register](#) now!

NEBRASKA EBOLA EXPERIENCES: LABORATORY PREPAREDNESS – October 2

The Missouri State Public Health Laboratory is hosting a speaker from Nebraska to discuss experiences at their Biocontainment Unit during the height of the Ebola crisis. Karen G. Stiles, MT (American Society for Clinical Pathology) SM^{CM} will share stories from Nebraska's experience treating Ebola infected patients, how they prepared, what hurdles they encountered, and what has changed since then to prepare for future emerging high consequence pathogens. Please click [here](#) for more information and registration details.

MISSOURI BOARD OF CERTIFICATION – October 3

The Missouri Certified Environmental Health Specialist (CEHS) exam and a free review session will be offered on October 3 as a pre-conference workshop the day before the Missouri Environmental Health Association (MEHA) Conference. The deadline to sign up is **September 19**. Please contact Lisa Brennenman, MO Cert Board Secretary/Treasurer, at lbrennenman@springfieldmo.gov. There are scholarships for both the Missouri exam and National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) exam. Please check our [webpage](#) for details. Look for our exhibit booth at the MEHA conference. We'll be there to answer questions or update paperwork. You may talk to us about volunteering on the Cert Board too! If you don't catch us at the conference, please visit www.mmfeha.org, hover over "MO Board of Certification" on left-hand side, and click on "Resources of the Board of Certification". The exam applications, scholarship applications, exam study guide, renewal applications, and continuing education unit (CEU) submission forms can be found here, as well as links for the NEHA Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS)/Registered Sanitarian (RS) exam.

2018 ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE PLANNING MEETING – October 4

Missouri Milk, Food, and Environmental Health Association will hold a meeting on October 4 to plan the program for the 2018 Annual Education Conference. This meeting will be held at the Inn at Grand Glaize Horseshoe Bend Board Room located at 5142 Osage Beach Pkwy in Osage Beach at 11:00 a.m. Please RSVP to Brandy Sheehan at brandy.sheehan@jeffcohealth.org if you plan to join us! If you cannot attend but have suggestions for program topics and/or speakers, please send suggestions to one of the [executive board members](#).

MNPH SOUTHWEST REGION MEETING – October 6

The next meeting of the Missouri Nurses for Public Health (MNPH) Southwest Region will be Friday, October 6 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Council of Churches Building, 627 N. Glenstone Avenue in Springfield. This meeting begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. with registration open at 9:30 a.m. All nurses are welcome! Speakers from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Special Health Care Needs will be discussing their programs; and a Crosslines community resource specialist will be providing information about their services, as well as a tour of their facility. Come ready to bid on items at our annual silent auction! The proceeds will benefit the community resource fund at Crosslines. Lunch will be provided for \$5 (sub sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie, and a drink). Please RSVP to Shelby Sears at ssears@springfieldmo.gov by Friday, **September 29** to let us know you are coming and if you will be purchasing lunch. We look forward to seeing you!

8TH ANNUAL HEALTH LITERACY MEDIA AND HEALTH LITERACY KANSAS 2017 SUMMIT – October 25 - 26

Please join us in Kansas City on October 25 and 26 for the 8th annual Health Literacy Media and Health Literacy Kansas 2017 Summit. Hundreds of health professionals will gather to build health literacy skills, take part in panel discussions, and learn from state and national leaders in health literacy. The event includes workshops on October 25 and the summit on October 26, both of which will be held at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center in Kansas City. Join us for this fun opportunity to learn and network! [RSVP](#) today! Check out the full conference [schedule](#). We've applied for approval of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for Missouri social workers and Certified Health Education Specialists (CHES) who attend the summit, a workshop, or both. Please check back soon for updates! For more information regarding contact hours, please contact Jesús Quiñones at jquinones@healthliteracy.media or 314-361-9400.

For other training opportunities, please see [Links to Valuable Resources](#) that are on Page 2 of this Friday Facts publication.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY PLANNER – Butler County Health Department

The Butler County Health Department seeks candidates for a full-time Public Health Community Planner. The Planner will work within the Building Communities for Better Health Program to empower communities to work collaboratively to improve chronic disease related health outcomes. For more information and to apply, please click [here](#). Deadline for applications is **October 4**.

BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR - Platte County Health Department

The Platte County Health Department WIC Clinic seeks candidates for a part-time Breastfeeding Peer Counselor who will work with WIC team members to encourage and support breastfeeding among WIC participants. The Counselor will counsel pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers by telephone and in the WIC office, and teach prenatal and breastfeeding classes with approved lesson plans provided by the WIC Department. Current or previous enrollment in WIC is preferred. This position requires two days of training to become a peer counselor. Please fax resume to 816-587-6028, Attention: WIC Coordinator. Position will be open until filled.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE I – St. Charles County Public Health Department

The St. Charles County Public Health Department seeks candidates for a full-time Public Health Nurse I. For more information and to apply, please click [here](#).

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE EDUCATOR – St. Charles County Public Health Department

The St. Charles County Public Health Department seeks candidates for a full-time Public Health Nurse Educator. For more information and to apply, please click [here](#).

EPIDEMIOLOGIST – Taney County Health Department

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) seeks candidates for a full-time, non-exempt Epidemiologist. Responsibilities include disease surveillance, data analysis, preparing investigation reports and summaries, emergency response planning, formulate and implement TCHD Continuing Quality Improvement and Performance Management programs. For more information and to apply, please click [here](#). The deadline to apply is **October 6**.

c: Dr. Randall Williams, Department Director, DHSS Staff
County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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